
◆ Optimist News ◆

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It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

July 2006

Club Activities

Christmas in July: Optimist Mimi Olds arranged a very successful Christmas in July auction at the picnic on July 12. Optimist Karen Mobley revealed her superb skills as an auctioneer. Many thanks to all those Optimists that donated items and to those that bid. Over \$200 was raised!

Essay Contest: Optimist Lawrence George attended the Rolla Middle School Awards Assemblies on May 17 and 18 to personally present oratorical contest certificates of participation to 40 In-School, 11 Preliminary and 6 Club orators. Mrs. Patty Coates, who is in charge of the Quest Program, and Mrs. Anita Studdard, Principal, expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. George for all he and the Optimist Club of Rolla do for their students. Optimist Lawrence asked other RMS teachers to encourage their students to participate in future Optimist Oratorical Contests.

Special Olympics: Pictured below are the bowlers Optimist Don Chaney coached at the Special Olympics national Games. Congratulations on a job well done Optimist Don!



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NOW program: We will be having a NOW (New Optimists Wanted) program at our regular meeting on August 23, 2006 at the Havener Center. Optimist Jerry Bayless will be coordinating the event. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the next few meetings to provide contact info for potential new Optimists, so that they can receive a personal invitation. If you are unable to attend the next few meetings, you can provide contact info for potential new optimists via e-mail at optimist@rollanet.org.

BABY PHOTOS: The Optimist State Farm sisters (Devonna Marshall and Melissa Hoffman) are collecting baby/child pictures of Optimist members for use in a future Optimist program. Photos will be scanned and returned. Drop off your photo at Dan Collier's State Farm office or bring to any optimist meeting. Photos are due by noon Friday August 4th. If you choose not to participate, your photo may be electronically created. Digital photos can be sent to optimist@rollanet.org.



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Polo Shirts: Shirts are in! If you ordered one and haven't paid, please pay Optimist Devonna Marshall. We are making a second order of polo shirts due to popular demand. Men's shirts are available in Grey, Dark Blue, khaki or red. Women's shirts are available in dark pink, light pink, grey or yellow. Each has the Optimist logo emblazoned upon it. Price is \$15. If you can't make the meeting, e-mail your order to Optimist Devonna Marshall at **devonna.marshall.i9gz@statefarm.com** or give her a call at 364-4133.

Awards

Remington-Bayless Friend of Youth Award: We are accepting nominations at this time for the Remington-Bayless Friend of youth award.

Criteria for nomination –

Any person (except for a Rolla Optimist Club member) or a group of people (can include Rolla Optimist Club members)

A resident of Phelps County for a specific act or project that benefits youth in the Phelps County area

Direct involvement in a project or program for community youth, other than in support of the Rolla Optimist Club projects or programs

Anyone can make a nomination, including Optimists or those residing outside of Phelps County. Nominations will be accepted by electronic means (optimist@rollanet.org) or through the post office

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All nominations must be submitted by August 1st 2006 to be considered. The award will be presented at the installation banquet on October 4, 2006 at the Havener Center.

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Excellence in Education Award: We are currently accepting nominations for the Optimist Excellence in Education Award. Each year this award is presented to a non-optimist member who exemplifies working with youth to provide meaningful educational and life-skills support. If you know of a teacher who you think deserves this type of recognition, please submit your nomination to optimist@rollanet.org or present it to Optimist President Eric or Optimist Secretary Karen at the meetings on or before August 9, 2006. If you would like to be involved in the Selection process, please contact Optimist President Eric at bohannan@umr.edu or 465-5923.

New Members

A warm Optimist welcome to our two newest Optimist members, Chris Blair and Kelly Sink-Blair. They were both sponsored by Optimist Devonna Marshall.

Moving on up!

Optimist Jeff Dalton, who ran the Optimist soccer program for a few years, has accepted a new position and he and his family will be leaving the Rolla area shortly. Best of luck in your new position, Optimist Jeff!

Picnic Help

We are in need of someone to coordinate the August 2nd picnic at Lion's Club Park. If you would be interested in helping cook or purchase food items and supplies please contact President Eric at 465-5923 or optimist@rollanet.org.

Meetings/Events Calendar

July

26 - Presentation by the Ambulance Dept.
Havener Center

August

2 - Picnic, Lion's Club Park

9 - State Farm Sister Game Night
Havener Center

16 - Board meeting
Havener Center

23 - NOW meeting
Havener Center